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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003. By the Petition for a One Month Extension enclosed herewith, the date for responding is extended to January 24, 2003.

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Previously canceled)
2. (Currently amended) A method of isolating embryonic or fetal red blood cells from a sample containing maternal blood cells and embryonic or fetal red blood cells or both, the method comprising determining which cell or cells contain or express an adult liver